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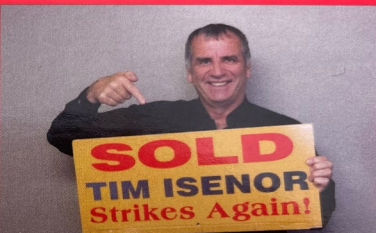
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St. André Bessette Parish

St. Bernard Church, Enfield
St. Rose of Lima Church, Fall River
Holy Cross Church, Middle Musquodoboit

Weekday Masses:

Tuesday 6:30 pm at St. Bernard
Wednesday 6:30 pm at St. Rose of Lima
Thursday 9:00 am at St. Bernard followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until noon, Benediction and close
Friday 9:00 am at St. Rose of Lima followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until noon, Benediction and close

Weekend Masses:

Saturday 4:00 pm at St. Bernard
6:30 pm at Holy Cross
Sunday 9:00 am at St. Bernard
11:00 am at St. Rose of Lima (Live Stream)

Confessions:

Tuesdays from 6:00 to 6:20 pm - St. Bernard Church
Wednesdays from 6:00 to 6:20 pm - St. Rose of Lima Church
Saturdays from 3:15 to 3:45pm - St. Bernard Church
or by Appointment

Parish Offerings:

To register with our parish Pre-Authorized Debit program, please contact Claire at the St. Bernard office. You can also etransfer contributions using stbernardsenfield@gmail.com. These are alternatives to the traditional collection envelopes, which of course are still available.

Pastor: Fr. Gerald David
frgerald@standrebessette.net

Deacon: Rev. Mr. Dan Bowden
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Parish Staff

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PENTECOST SUNDAY
MAY 28, 2023



Today is the Solemnity of Pentecost, when we celebrate the outpouring of the Holy Spirit on the disciples and their sharing of the Good News of Jesus Christ with the world. It's also on this day that we celebrate the birthday of the Church. The Apostles and followers of the Lord emerge boldly in the power of the Holy Spirit, the Spirit that Jesus breathed on them in the Upper Room. Now with this new fire enkindled in them, they persevere through the resistance and persecution they would encounter. The Apostles and followers of Christ now emerge with a great confidence and hope that Jesus continues from Heaven to intercede and strengthen the ministry done in God's name. Today, as we receive this renewal in the Holy Spirit, we too continue to rely on that Holy Spirit to **Enkindle in us the Fire of God's Love**. We live in a broken world, many wounded from so much hurt and pain and separation - as with the early Church, we need to keep proclaiming the Good News with boldness, with confidence and with hope. We need to be ready to give witness to the Holy Spirit's transforming love and power, to bring us the fullness of healing and reconciliation and through Him new and eternal life. **"Come Holy Spirit, enkindle in us the power of your love."**

Building Committee at St. Bernard Church - We are seeking assistance in forming a new Building Committee at St. Bernard. Our many buildings require ongoing attention. We are at a point where we need to analyze the usage of our buildings in all churches of our Parish. I want to thank Richard Sherman for his ongoing and dedicated service to St. Bernard. Richard's wisdom and insight will be helpful to the Building Committee as we move forward. I am hoping to have new membership to bring expertise in various areas. We are striving to build connections between all three churches, and the Building Committee will indeed be part of that. You have many talents and gifts which, when shared, can make the work on the physical structures in our Parish a lot easier! If you are interested in helping and sharing your gifts, please submit your name to the Parish Office or email me indicating your interest. ...Fr. Gerald

Celebrating our Faith in All Seasons — For many people, the long weekend in May means looking forward to a new schedule. After a very busy work year, school year, it becomes very natural to want a bit of a break from the norm and to seek some relaxation and rest – whatever our summer may give us. As a Parish, we have been working through some reorganizing, structuring what it means for our three Churches to be one Parish. Our Parish Leadership Team, Pastoral and Finance Councils, and our committees and organizations have put in a busy year also. So, while we may take a bit of a break from regular routines/meetings and all that entails, let's remember to continue celebrating our Catholic Faith, especially by attending Sunday Mass. If you are going on vacation and are away from home for a good part of the Summer, I encourage all of you to seek out a Catholic Church nearby, so you can continue to celebrate Mass with the Community of the Faithful and be nourished by the Eucharist and the Word of God. We are currently looking at a possible change to the Mass schedule for the months of July and August. We will be sure to inform you well in advance of any new schedule for the parish. May you all enjoy some good rest, relaxation, and enhanced family time this summer. May God bless and keep you in His gracious care! ...Fr. Gerald

Scholarship and Bursary Opportunities — The 2023 scholarship and bursary information and application forms are now available for pickup at the entrance of the church, on the parish website and at the two parish offices. The application is for the following three scholarship/bursaries: the CWL Shirley Anne Fraser Memorial Bursary (St. Rose of Lima Church), the KOC Jesso/Meagher Memorial Stewardship Bursary (St. Rose of Lima Church), and the Houlihan Family Scholarship (Parish of St. André Bessette). Please note: applicants are welcome to apply for all three awards, but the same student cannot receive more than one scholarship. These will be awarded during a designated Mass in June. Please watch the bulletin for further announcements.

St. André Bessette Parish BBQ — Come one, come all to our very first **St. André Bessette Parish BBQ at Oakfield Park on Sunday, June 4** after the 11:00 am Mass. We encourage everyone to come out to enjoy the festivities.

Bring something to share — salad (utensils), dessert/cookies, sandwiches or snacks. Bring your favorite outside toys: bats, balls, hula hoops, sand buckets, etc. It wouldn't hurt to bring a lawn chair or blanket to sit on. There will

be lots of food, fun and laughter, and a facepainting and tattoo station for our young'uns of all ages. If we had some instruments in tow, we could have an outdoor Celtic kitchen party.... See you all there!

Celebration of the Sacrament of Baptism — Last weekend at St. Rose of Lima, we welcomed CHLOE ANN CARRIER-MILLER into our St. André Bessette Parish community of the Faithful. Let us pray that that she and her parents, Christopher Miller and Amanda Carrier, receive the love, prayer, and support of their Christian family.

On November 14, 2022, the settlement of the class action suit against the Episcopal Corporation of Halifax and the Episcopal Corporation of Yarmouth was approved. Now we enter the Claims Period. Individuals who want to make a claim of abuse can do so for the next 12 months. This begins another period of notification to the public which requires action on the part of the Archdiocese as well as the parishes. This notification period begins on Monday, December 19, 2022 and concludes on Thursday, December 14, 2023.



This notice was approved by the Supreme Court of Nova Scotia

NOTICE OF SETTLEMENT IN CLASS ACTION

To all individuals who were sexually abused by a priest of the Roman Catholic Episcopal Corporation of Halifax or Roman Catholic Episcopal Corporation of Yarmouth between April 14, 1954 and March 31, 2020 and have not previously settled or otherwise released either the Roman Catholic Episcopal Corporation of Halifax or Roman Catholic Episcopal Corporation of Yarmouth.

The Court has approved a settlement which provides compensation to eligible class members who file a claim for sexual assault and meet the requirements of the claims process.

If you opted out of the class action, the settlement will not impact you.

If you are part of the lawsuit as a Class Member, you can submit a claim for a payment of money as compensation. The amount of money that you may receive will depend on the specifics of the claim you submit. The potential amount of money to be paid to a Class Member whose claim is accepted will likely range from \$30,000 to \$350,000.

For further information, visit <https://kmlaw.ca/cases/catholic-priest-sexual-abuse-class-action/> or call 1-833-630-1785, or email catholicabuseclassaction@kmlaw.ca.

You must submit your claim for compensation before December 14, 2023. If you do not submit your claim for compensation before December 14, 2023, you will lose your right to compensation.

Family Formation News

Catechists/Teachers Needed!

Are you a Catechist at Heart? Do you enjoy and feel elevated when you share and witness to who Jesus Christ is and the teachings of the Church? The Last instruction that Jesus gave to his disciples was: 'Go into all the world and preach the gospel to all creation.' (Mark 16:15) By volunteering to be a catechist, you are doing one of the most important tasks that Jesus asks us to do. Besides helping the children and families of our parish to grow in their understanding of our Faith, you will find that you also will grow in your relationship with God. **Interested?** Please contact Maria McDonald with the parish for more



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